Maison Narrisse
Vineuil par Chantilly
Oise. France

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My Dear Mr Garrison

20c How much I regret to think that you are "so near, & yet so far." Though that terrible Atlantic is no longer between us, I yet feel as if there were very great danger that we might not meet this side of it. We shall not unless you can come to France as it will not be in my power this summer to be in England.

Mr & Madame Laugel beg me to give you their most affectionate remembrances & to say that nothing could give them more pleasure than to see you & your son at this place. It is from Paris an hour by rail. The house is very charmingly interview in the Park of Chantilly & near the Chateau, & they would delight to do for you the honours of the place.

I am greatly enjoying the repose and quiet of the country & I hope they will confirm my health, a little shaken by the very severe fit of Rheumatic Gout that I suffered last winter & of which Anne Dicey will have told you.

You can well imagine the bitter sorrow I have suffered in the death of Edmund Quincy. We were dear friends for more than 30 years & there was never a moment of misunderstanding or alienation between us. What he was as a Reformer & a Hero you know as well as I, but it was only in great personal intimacy in private life that one became fully aware of all the charms & graces that made him so delightful.

We have always kept up a very
unreserved correspondence & I cannot
tell you what a void his death makes
in my life.

I was very sorry to learn from
Anne that you were still such a
sufferer from pain & sleeplessness & can
only hope that entire change of
scene & all the pleasures of travel
may do for you all your best friends
could wish. Perhaps you will be
persuaded to prolong your absence
from home. The Laugel family
will probably return to Paris by the
last of Sept. & we shall always be
found at 19. Rue de la Ville l'Eveque.
In any event, I hope you will
find time to write a letter to either
address will reach me. I shall be
so very glad to know all about
your sayings & doings in Great Britain.
Alas! you will greatly miss our dear
Richard Webb. His is another loss
that I have truly mourned.

I should be glad to hear something of George Thompson. Pray give him my love when you see him.

It is a very interesting time just now in the French political world. You must not make up your mind as to things here, by what you hear in England. She is a very good nation, ~~[illegible]~~ as good Christian as she has always had, & always will have, I hope, the ten righteous, but she makes very great mistakes in her judgment of foreign politics, & judging by her newspapers, at the present time scarcely even sees men as trees. If a Republic is possible in this country, which I ardently hope, it can come about only by the success of Mr. Mahon.

When you write, my dear friend, let me hear all about you & yours & with Emma's love & my own to yourself & kind regards to your son.

Believe me ever affectionately yrs,

A. W. Weston.